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**TO:** Senate Committee on Government Operations  
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House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs  
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**FROM:** Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity

**DATE:** January 14, 2023

**RE:** Status and Summary of Racial Justice Statistics Advisory Council

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This memorandum is submitted on behalf of the Racial Justice Statistics Advisory Council pursuant to Act 142 of 2022.

The enabling legislation required appointing entities to provide appointees by November 2022. The Office of Racial Equity has attempted to secure member appointments from the seven appointing entities since summer 2022. Several of the appointing entities have not provided appointees, including one appointing entity that was unaware it was named in the enabling legislation and consequently requested to be removed from the Council due to lack of staff capacity. By request of members of the community, the Council has not met pending the seating of all members to ensure full community participation throughout the standup of the Council and the Division of Racial Justice Statistics. The Executive Director is confident that the Council will be fully seated by early- to mid-February.

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